

The Assist

MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION

*Giving an Assist to the Manchester City Library
with Urgent and Long Range Needs.*

FALL/WINTER 2004

YOUR MONEY AT WORK IN LIBRARY AUDITORIUM, NEW TEEN AREA, WITH CHILDCARE BOOKS AND MORE!

The Manchester City Library Foundation collected over \$21,500 from our fall appeal in 2003 and our author reception for Tomie DePaola and Mary Ann Esposito in 2004. That's a real milestone! With those much-appreciated dollars, we bought the library community needed wish list furnishings and library materials such as auditorium stage curtains to match the teal-colored seat upholstery, a motorized auditorium projection screen allowing program givers to work from laptops, additional seats for the main library meeting room next to the auditorium, (It's called The Winchell Room), childcare books and parenting books for the Mary Sullivan collection, books and materials on other subjects, popular DVDs, and furnishings for a brand new teen corner of the main library. Foundation donor support for this is matched by a grant just received from the Arthur Getz Charitable Trust!

Donor dollars helped support the "Get Wise Get Carded" campaign. That effort is putting library cards into the hands of thousands of community members who, for whatever reason, didn't have one. We underscored all that by presenting the emotionally charged National Library Week Salute to the Power of Reading, called "Night of 1000" Stars, April 21". At that time, adult new reader Frank Murphy read his personal account of the pain of illiteracy and the power he felt when he was finally able to read well.



2004 FALL PROGRAM: TOUR OF 90-YEAR-OLD MAIN LIBRARY

This year's fall "Thank you" to donors is slated for Tuesday, November 9 at 3:30PM and will feature an engaging tour of the 1914 main library building by celebrated local historian Aureore Eaton. Ms. Eaton will give Foundation donors an in-depth look at the monumental Italian Renaissance style building. She'll talk about benefactors Elenora Blood Carpenter and Frank P. Carpenter in detail. Taking a historical look back at the library is appropriate in this, its

150th year. Preceding Ms. Eaton's tour and talk, Attorney Brad Cook and Investments VP of Citizens Bank, William Sirak, will say a few words about gift annuities. Manchester City Library Foundation received its first gift annuity in 2004. Others donors may wish to consider giving the library Foundation a significant gift in this win-win manner. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments from Angela's Pasta & Cheese Shop will be served.

If you can attend, and we sure hope you can, call Kathleen Schmidt at 624-6500 Ext. 312 by October 29, 2004. We want to say a special thank you to you at this free, fun early evening program.



2005 GOAL: A COMPUTER SKILLS TRAINING AREA AT LONG LAST

Although Manchester City Library is the largest library in the state, and has more than a dozen internet-capable PCs over which patrons search for title-author-subject and other info they need, it has NO computer training area where patrons (or library staff) can learn or upgrade the skills to do that! It's been a serious need for years and one for which Automation Librarian Susan Deschenes has had a great plan. The Foundation has pledged a maximum of \$12,000 of support, provided \$10,000 or more completing the project can be secured from grant sources. We hope to have the main library Winchell Room computer training area up and running by the spring of 2005. Watch for your invitation to donate to our fall appeal. Please be generous in your support and help us meet this exciting goal!

CHEF MARY ANN ESPOSITO & KIDS BOOK ILLUSTRATOR TOMIE DEPAOLA MAKE SPRING FUNDRAISER 2004 A SMASHING SUCCESS:

PBS TV's "Ciao Italia" chef Mary Ann Esposito and renowned children's book author, Tomie DePaola were VIP guests for Manchester City Library Foundation's May 19, 2004 spring fund-raiser. They did a super job of entertaining YOU, our VIP supporters! Fifteen area restaurants donated sumptuous appetizers, entrees and fabu-

Library Trustees invite you to Celebrate Manchester's City Library 150th Anniversary—1854-2004

lous desserts. Martignetti Wines had a wine tasting table (which will become a full wine bar in future events!). Mary Ann and Tomie were very folksy and informal in their hour-long talk in the crowded auditorium. They spoke about book writing and illustrating, cooking together on the Ciao Italia TV show, travel to Italy, and their friendship of many years. They had the Foundation donor audience in stitches when they recounted a misadventure as Mary Ann tried to grill a pizza on Tomie's open wood fire during one segment of Ciao Italia. The pizza came out a little bit burnt but TV editing saved the day.

Also at the May 19th gala reception, Library Director John Brisbin, retired Art Librarian Beverly White and Foundation Chair Roger Duhaime shared memories about art lover and library benefactor Harvey Dodd as the main library's art room was dedicated in his memory. The sizable bequest from Harvey Dodd's estate supports the library's art history collection and other library needs.

Comments such as "Outstanding Evening!" "Great Food!" and "A Fabulous Presentation!" were heard as people walked out into the spring evening. Mark your calendars for 6PM Wednesday May 18 2005 for our 3rd annual author reception/Foundation fundraiser. We'll have a tough time equaling Tomie DePaola and Mary Ann Esposito, and Maine fisherman/adventurer/author Linda Greenlaw who preceded them. But we will!



Spring Fundraiser 2004 from Left to Right :
Monique Brown, Tomie DePaola, Mary Ann Esposito,
John Brisbin and Roger Duhaime

HONOR SOMEONE, BUY A BOOK !

Honor a special person, event or occasion with a \$25 or greater donation for book purchase. Tell us what subject area you prefer. For bookplate inscription and acknowledgement, give us the special person/event/occasion's name, your return address and any other address for acknowledgements you'd like sent out.

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